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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/924)]

46/240. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador and Council resolution 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 31 October 1992 and to enlarge it to include the verification and monitoring of the implementation of all the agreements signed at Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report, 2/ subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2, 8 and 9 below;

2. Notes that the payment of assessed contributions since 31 March 1992 has reduced the outstanding assessments;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador in full and on time;

4. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador an amount of 39 million United States dollars gross (37 million dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 10 million dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee, under the terms of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991, for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 January to 31 October 1992;

5. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraph 4 above among Member States in accordance with the composition of the groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 3/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on anomalies in the allocation of countries to the four groups set out in Assembly resolution 43/232, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B, 45/269 and 46/198 A and applied as an ad hoc arrangement to the financing of the Mission, taking into account Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly, including resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973;

7. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment

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3/ See resolution 46/221 A.

among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2 million dollars approved for the Mission;

8. Decides also that 2 million dollars of the unencumbered balance of appropriation shall be retained in the Special Account and that the balance of 1,347,700 dollars shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States as provided for in paragraph 5 above;

9. Decides further, in principle, that the special accounts for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador shall be merged;

10. Decides to consider the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the Mission in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted for these Member States by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

11. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 10 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions to be determined;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador".

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